



## Mrs. Ernestine Rivers

February 18, 1934 - December 23, 2015

Ernestine Rivers, 81, of Awendaw, SC entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, December 23, 2015. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Greater Zion AME Church. Internment will follow at the Greater Zion AME Church Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM at The Bryan McNeal, Sr. Memorial Chapel, 4129 Highway 17 N., Awendaw, SC 29429.

Ernestine, daughter of the late John Hilliard, Sr. and Victoria Hilliard, was born February 18, 1934 in Awendaw, SC. Ernestine is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Willie Rivers; her daughter, Vickie Gibbs; her son, Michael Rivers (Jackie); her grandchildren, Tracy Manigault (Joseph), Robin Stewart, Brandon Stewart (Kelley), and Brianna Rivers; great-grandchildren, Keaira Manigault and Courtland Malvo. Her sisters, Alethia Hilliard, Mary Colleton, Carrie Hilliard, and Ella Glover (Howard); her brothers, John Hilliard, Jr., Nathaniel Hilliard (Barbara), Franklin Hilliard, I (Theresa), and the late Bennie Hilliard; sister-in-law of Oliver Rivers (Roslyn), Edward Rivers (Rodella), Nathaniel Rivers, and Emily Nelson (Vernon). Niece of Estelle Wright (John, Jr.) and Margaret Brown. Host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Special cousins: Mabel P. Smith and Jeanette P. Singleton.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, Inc. - Awendaw  
4129 Highway 17 North  
Awendaw, SC 29429  
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## Funeral

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Greater Zion AME Church  
4174 Highway 17 N  
Awendaw, SC 29429

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Vickie and Michael, I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond childhood memories of your Mom being a very thoughtful and generous hostess who welcomed the other mothers and their children for "The Ladies Social Teas" :) I enjoyed those visits so much. They also made me feel safe. I was never able to duplicate that level of fellowship in my adulthood. Thank you Mrs. Rivers. Peace be unto you.  
Naomi Washington

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Naomi Washington - December 29, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ernestine Rivers.



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December 29, 2015 at 12:21 AM

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“ Tine had a beautiful spirit and everytime I came to her house to visit it was so very nice pretty and warm like home is suppose to be. The aroma of food flowing through the house and Vickie and Micheal with the cutest smiles on their faces. i will trulely miss you Tine. God bless Debbie Ravenell and the Ravenell Family

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Debrank Ravenell - December 25, 2015 at 07:23 PM